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SUBJ: TRANSKEI LEADER CASTIGATES UK OVER RECOGNITION STAND

1. IN STATEMENT REPORTED DURBAN DAILY NEWS MARCH 12, PARAMOUNT CHIEF KAISER MATANZIMA CASTIGATED GREAT BRITAIN, AND SPECIFICALLY DEPUTY FOREIGN SECRETARY DAVID ENNALS. FOR DECLARING IT UNLIKELY THAT BRITAIN WOULD RECOGNIZE THE TRANSKEI WHEN IT GAINS INDEPENDENCE IN OCTOBER OF THIS YEAR. MATANZIMA CHARGED THE "TRANSKEI WAS FORCIBLY COLONIZED BY THE UK DURING THE LATTER PART OF THE NINETEENTH CENTURY AND THE POLICIES WHICH ENNALS APPEARS TO OBJECT TO WERE APPLIED BY THE UK" AT THAT TIME. HE LABELED GREAT BRITAIN'S COLONIZATION OF THE CISKEI AND PRESENT-DAY SOUTH AFRICAN DISTRICTS OF LADY FRERE AND HERSCHEL A "CYNICAL RAPE". FINALLY, MATANZIMA PRAISED ALTRUISM OF SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT FOR GIVING THE TRANSKEI ITS FREEDOM.

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2. WHILE GREAT BRITAIN IS ONLY STATE PUBLICLY TO REVEAL
RELUCTANCE TO GRANT THE TRANSKEI DIPLOMATIC RECOGNITION, IT
IS ONE OF MANY LIKE-MINDED NATIONS. IN MARCH 13 ARTICLE,
RAND DAILY MAIL'S NEW YORK CORRESPONDENT, RICHARD WALKER,
OPINED THAT CHANCES OF THE TRANSKEI BEING RECOGNIZED BY EITHER
THE UN OR MOST OF ITS MEMBER STATES WAS "PERILOUSLY CLOSE TO
NIL" AND ASSERTED MOST NATIONS WOULD FOLLOW THE LEAD OF
OF OAU WHICH CONDEMS IDEA OF HOMELANDS INDEPENDENCE.
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